

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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A rotor blade installation tool for coupling a plurality of rotor blades to a rotor disc wherein each rotor blade extends from the rotor disc to a radially outer blade tip is provided. The tool includes a blade engagement end configured to engage the plurality of rotor blades between the rotor disc and the radially outer blade tip where said blade engagement end comprises an engagement top surface, at least one brace coupled to said blade engagement end at a first end of said at least one brace, and a guide end coupled to a second end of said at least one brace where said guide end comprises a body including a guide end top surface positioned above said engagement top surface.